

Chili Historic Preservation Board

Approved Minutes

March 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Bonnie Moore (chair), Linda Hamilton (secretary), Phil Supernault, Melissa Pernesky, Peter Widener, and Mary Sperr, Town Board Liaison.

Absent: Michael Tata, Rona Pearce

The minutes from February 11 were reviewed and approved.

Landmark Investigations:

Carole Thoms is ready for our group to visit her home this Saturday at 1 PM to qualify it for Landmark Status.

Peter investigated the plaque purchase. Chili Town needs to have a W9 form from the company in order to purchase plaques from them.

If Carole's home is designated as a Landmark Home, the presentation could be given at the Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 15 or June 19. Upon our recommendation, the town board will pass a resolution to put Carole's house in the Preservation District.

John Testa Recognition Award:

Phil has a copy of the award we have used in the past. Peter has a letter of invitation which may be sent to applicants ahead of the presentation. The letter could be edited to invite recipients to come to our board meeting or the Town Board meeting to receive the award. If they would prefer to have the presentation at their building, that could be arranged. Bonnie will contact John Testa to make arrangements.

Peter pointed out that any Chili citizen may suggest possible recipients to the board for the Recognition Award. Bonnie will remind citizens of this policy in one of her articles.

Civic Beautification:

Tracy DiFlorio sent a written summary of Pearce Memorial Church's Bell Tower Restoration Project with a suggestion that we give them a Recognition Award.

Chil-E Fest Historic Tour:

Chris Levey may be contacted regarding the need for a microphone. The Senior Center might have a future need of a microphone on the bus. Mary Anne and Mike might help with our tour needs. Bonnie is writing the script and suggested that we could ride around the town with her to help create it. Melissa and Phil suggested a scavenger hunt during the tour.

Open Forum:

Peter inquired about the building age qualification for the Landmark Status. Currently, the home may be 50 years old or older. We may want to reconsider an earlier building period for this status.

Peter reminded us that we should interview senior citizens who have rich, local history knowledge, while they are still in good health.

Mary said there were 100 Cobblestone books ordered on April 22, 2011 at a cost of \$514.23 printed by RJ Printing. Should we reprint? We could ask a business to fund the reprinting. Bonnie will look into this.

Phil moved and Melissa seconded the motion for adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamilton, secretary